MR. K. MADHAVAN PLLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then to whom is he to complain?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are non-official visitors to whom he can complain. I do not know why he should bring in a Magistrate.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Cannot he make a complaint to the Magistrate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not by an anonymous petition.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Then how can he do it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In the usual formal manner.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I take it that a prisoner who attempts to lay a complaint before a Magistrate is to be flogged for doing so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He did not lay a complaint but wrote an anonymous petition.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Petition to whom?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To the Magistrate.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What was the object?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is specified in the order of the Superintendent.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Madhavan Pillai, you are subjecting him to a cross-examination which I cannot allow.

Vernacular Schools opened during 1098—1100.

176. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Vernacular schools of all grades newly opened during the three years 1098-1100 by private agencies and the number opened by the Department of Education during the said period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Report on the Improvement of River Communications.

177. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvargad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of Mr. John Kurien's report on the improvement of river communications and also that of the Minor Irrigation Committee, Trivandrum taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) In regard to the first part, the member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 94 given on the 11th August 1926.

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 749.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(2) Copies of the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee, Trivandrum, have already been supplied to the members of the Council.

Examiners for the E. S. L. C. Examination.

178. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that the majority of examiners for the E. S. L. C. examination are selected from the collegiate staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The majority of the Chief Examiners are members of the college staff while the majority of the Assistant Examiners are selected from the English schools.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the E. S. L. C. Examination is not only a test to see whether pupils are fit for admission to the colleges, but also it is a test to see whether they are fit for Government employment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not follow the member's question.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that the E. S. L. C. Examination is intended not only as a test to see whether the pupils are qualified to enter the colleges, but also to see whether they are fit to enter the public service as well?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly a test, but it only enables the Government to admit persons into the public service. It is a fact that it is a qualification prescribed for appointments in the public service.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): In that case, do not the Government think it fair to appoint half the number of examiners at least from High School teachers who are really giving them instruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That matter will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for his opinion.

Statement, by castes, of Sub-Registrars and Clerks in the Registration Department.

179. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of Sub-Registrars and clerks in the Registration Department arranged according to their castes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

Transfer of Police Officers.

180. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased o consider the desirability of transferring police officers when they have vorked for two years in a station?

*Vide Appendix III—page 750.

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